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Applicant(s) : Susumu KONDO et al. Confirmation No.: 9686

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In the Office Action mailed on December 7, 2004 (the two-month response date for which is February 7, 2005, as extended by the accompanying Transmittal and Petition to Extend), the Examiner required restriction/election as follow:

Restriction was required as between "Group I" of claims 7 to 10 and "Group II" of claim 11.

Accordingly, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, which includes claims 7 to 10, according to the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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